

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An isolated nucleic acid molecule ~~according to claim 5~~ wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes an α chain of human Interleukin (IL)-11 receptor which comprises an the amino acid sequence comprising set forth in SEQ ID NO:5.

9. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 8 wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 8 or 9.

12-34. (Cancelled)